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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: SB 398

DATE PREPARED: Jan 8, 2002

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Community Lifespan Respite Care Program.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
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IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill establishes the state Community Lifespan Respite Care program and requires the Division of Disability, Aging, and Rehabilitative Services to administer the program. The bill requires the Division to: (1) approve the selection of community respite care providers; (2) contract with entities to provide respite care services; (3) provide administrative support to respite care programs; (4) distribute information concerning respite care; and (5) ensure statewide access to respite care. The bill sets certain requirements for Community Lifespan Respite Care programs.

This bill requires the state and the Office of the Secretary of Family and Social Services (FSSA), for elderly and disabled citizens, to: (1) coordinate and implement programs that maximize self-care and independent living; (2) provide services that allow independent living without requiring institutionalization; and (3) expand existing services that provide assisted living.

Effective Date: July 1, 2002.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill will require FSSA to establish a network of Community Respite Care programs throughout the state. The FSSA can put out a request for proposals to establish this network. The bill allows for a variety of private and public institutions to submit proposals to operate Community Lifespan Respite Care programs. The state shall select one entity per area to operate the community program. In addition, the state program shall help fund and support these entities. FSSA should be able to absorb the cost of rule-making given their current budget and resources.

The main purpose of this bill is to establish local networks of respite providers throughout the state. These networks will coordinate respite efforts in the community as well as provide information to families on available respite services and available funding sources. These efforts may increase the level of respite care available to the point that some residents may be able to stay at home who otherwise would require institutional care.

The state currently coordinates respite care services in certain instances. The state coordinates respite services for temporary care or supervision of an individual with Alzheimer's or a related senile dementia. The extent of these services is currently not known and will be updated when data is available.

The cost of this program will depend upon administrative action as well as future appropriations. The cost may be minimized to the extent that existing program infrastructure is utilized. Any cost savings achieved through either delaying or preventing the institutionalization of an individual is difficult to determine without knowing the current level of services needed.

Background: The state of Oregon enacted a Local Lifespan Respite Care Networks program in 1997. The provisions of this bill are very similar to those enacted in Oregon and provide a good basis of cost and performance. The Oregon program divides the state into regions along county boundaries with some providers covering one county and others two counties.

The current budget for the Oregon program is \$1.2 M. The program was enacted in three phases with additional funds allocated at each point. The state provides \$15,000 and \$25,000 annually to these one and two county programs respectively. The program recently enacted a 50% local match requirement, although the program initially did not require a local match. The match can be in the form of: in-kind services, reserving local funds for program administration, contributing local or private funds for respite services, or by obtaining additional state grants for program administration or respite services. The program is currently seeking to obtain a federal match for this program.

The Oregon program has expanded the number of families receiving respite services. In the initial year of the program 350 families received respite services through the program. In the most recent year, over 1,500 families received respite services.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: This bill does not require a local expenditure. However, requiring a local match is not prohibited by the bill.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Family and Social Services Administration.

Local Agencies Affected:

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